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The Honorable Dennis V. McGinn
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
Energy, Installations and the Environment
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 4E739
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Re: RCRA Section 7003 Unilateral Administrative Order, Gorst Creek Landfill, Port Orchard
Washington

Dear Mr. McGinn:

On February 26, 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notified the United States Department of the Navy of its final decision to make effective a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) issued under the authority of Section 7003 of the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regarding the Gorst Creek Landfill in Port Orchard, Washington. In recognition of the Navy's stated interest to work collaboratively with EPA to address the site, the EPA granted two extensions to the time frame for submission of the first work deliverable, the Site Management Plan required by Paragraph 46 of Section VII, so that the first deliverable was due one-hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the effective date of the UAO.

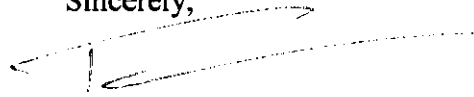
With the assistance of the Department of Justice, settlement discussions between the Navy and EPA have continued to show progress and the parties are currently working to finalize an agreement that would provide for response action at the site. On August 7, 2015, the Department of Justice, on behalf of the Navy, requested a third extension of sixty (60) calendar days for submission of the first work deliverable due under the UAO. The duration of this request is based on the anticipated time needed to complete work on the agreement, including final review by EPA, DOJ and the Navy, and the statutory requirement that any final agreement be subject to a minimum public comment period of thirty (30) days.

At this time, EPA agrees that additional time is appropriate to support the ongoing settlement discussions. The granting of this third extension is based on the Navy's demonstrated commitment to address the site and the understanding that the parties will continue to work quickly toward a final resolution. With this letter the EPA is hereby modifying the UAO to make the Site Management Plan required by Paragraph 46 of Section VII due two hundred and forty (240) calendar days from the effective date of the UAO.

We look forward to working with the Navy to reach a final resolution that ensures a timely response that will protect public health and the environment from the risks posed by the Gorst

Creek Landfill. If you have any questions concerning this letter please contact Alex Fidis of the EPA Region 10 Office of Regional Counsel at (206) 553-4710.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Richard Albright', written over a horizontal line.

Richard Albright, Director
Office of Environmental Cleanup

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